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Dear Red:

Just received your letter of 22 May 1947 and wish to give you my opinion of [REDACTED] The rest of the questions you raised I have already answered by cable. 25X1A9a

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I am not in favor of having [REDACTED] as the [REDACTED] Chief Engineer instead of [REDACTED] due to serious personality defects in [REDACTED] makeup. I think that it is probably a toss-up as to which man is the better engineer, and as long as one seems to be as good as the other from a technical standpoint, the real question is which one will work better with the staff in the field. [REDACTED] is an extraordinarily conscientious man but unfortunately has an annoying tendency to irritate many people he deals with in carrying out assignments. This criticism certainly cannot be made of [REDACTED] and for this reason alone I feel that John deserves the appointment of Chief Engineer. 25X1A9a

It is important that the appointment of Chief Engineer be made fairly soon since the [REDACTED] Bureau is desperately in need of competent engineering guidance. I would like to see [REDACTED] go out to [REDACTED] just as soon as he has completed his work at [REDACTED] As you know, the [REDACTED] office has recently moved its engineering layout and even an amateur like myself can see that they are operating way below the optimum from a technical standpoint. In order to rectify this situation a first-rate engineer should spend a minimum of two months with [REDACTED] and this engineer should be capable of handling some complex local personalities. For such an assignment [REDACTED] is my choice, hands down. 25X1A9a

Nothing further to report on negotiations since my letter to you of Friday.

Best regards,

Sincerely,

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Chief,

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